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SUBJECT: NEW FRENCH INITIATIVE FOR POLITICAL SOLUTION
IN SVN

1. ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, DE LABOULAYE, QUAI CALLED IN DRV DCM EVENING OF APRIL 18 FOR CONFIRMATION THAT DRV WILL ACCEPT PRG POSITION CONCERNING POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN SVN. (DRV AMBASSADOR VO VAN SUNG IS APPARENTLY SUFFERING FROM HEART TROUBLE). LABOULAYE SAID THAT HIS SOUNDINGS OF PRG INDICATED PRG WOULD STILL ACCEPT NEGOTIATIONS WITH A "THIEU TENDENCY GOVERNMENT WITHOUT THIEU" TO FORM A TRIPARTITE COUNCIL OF PRG, GVN (WITHOUT THIEU) AND THIRD FORCE TO HOLD ELECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 12. THIS SCENARIO MUST BE FOLLOWED VERY QUICKLY OR ELSE THERE IS NO FURTHER CHANCE. LABOULAYE SAID WITH SOME SKEPTICISM THE PRG ASKED FRENCH ASSISTANCE IN TRYING TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A PROGRAM IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE DRV ROLE IN SVN.

2. THE DRV DCM SAID THAT IT WOULD ACCEPT THE PRG PROGRAM IF IN ADDITION TO THE DEPARTURE OF THIEU THERE WERE ALSO A COMPLETE END TO AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION. LABOULAYE SAID HE TOLD DRV THAT THIS WAS A NONSENSICAL DEMAND SINCE THE U.S. IS NOT AND WOULD NOT INTERVENE MILITARILY.

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